are rushing to places of safety.

warned the townspeople.

injured persons have been rescued.

not so serious as at first thought. It is impos-

sible as yet to ascertain the number of victims.

but it is thought that not more than thirty

Most of the visitors had left the city to attend

the eeremony at Rome to-morrow on the open-

ing of the Holy Year, and some workmen who

noticed the masses of stone tumbling down

Two English women who rushed back at the

ast moment to save their money were buried

The Capuccini Hotel, reported destroyed, was

REAL MAN UNDER THE BED.

Signora Medici Did Not Scream, but Just

Had Him Arrested.

Mrs. Amelia Medici, the wife of Antonio Medici, a barber, of 228 Eighth avenue, has

two little boys, Eddle, who is 5 years old,

and Howard, who is 3 years old, Eddie's

father gave him a quarter last night to buy

some candy with on Christmas and the little

While the mother was trying to put the two boys to sleep Eddie dropped his quarter on the floor and he asked his brother, who was on the outside of the bed, to pick it up. Howard elimbed out and as he picked up the quarter he saw something under the bed.

"Mamma," he cried, "there's a man under the bed."

FORMER BANKER COLE ARRESTED,

Recent President of Boston's Globe Bank

Apprehended in California.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.-Charles H. Cole, late

President of the collapsed Globe National

Bank, was arrested to-day at Redondo Beach, Cal., by United States Marshal

Osborne upon the request of United States

HIGHWAYMEN CHASED AND CAUGHT.

One Stole a Woman's Purse-The Other

Snatched a Man's Bearf Pin.

eighth street, accompanied by a woman, was walking up Broadway with her arms full of

bundles about half-past 10 last night when Charles Davis, a negro, grabbed her purse.

Davis had been loitering near the Marlborough

MEXICAN TROOPS REPULSED.

The Maya Indiana Drive Them From

Several Towns in Yucatan

OAXACA, Mexico, Dec. 23,-The Maya Indians

driven back Gen. Bravo's force of Government

troops and reoccupied several of the towns

LECTURE FOR C. VANDERBILT.

Justice Fitzsimons Befuses to Remit a Fine

for Neglect of Jury Duty.

the City Court for non-attendance, moved be-

North German Lloyd Company's Purchase.

Spec at Cab e Despotch to THE SUN.

Steamship Company has purchased the entire

flect of the Scottish-Oriental Steamship Com-

pany, a corporation owning fourteen steamers. The North German Lloyd Company will continue the service to Bangkok. Singapore, Hone Kong and Syntow.

Low Rate Holiday Excursions.

A Wide Seamed Collar .- Adv.

Lackawanna makes one fare to Niagara Falla, nd return. Tickets on sale to-day.—Ase.

tinue the service to I Hong Kong and Swatow.

BREMEN, Dec. 23.-The North German Lloyd

Cornelius Vanderbilt, one of the delin-

Miss Jeneatte Forbes of 363 West Fifty-

in the ruins of the Hotel St. Caterina.

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## ROBERTS OFF TO THE WAR.

FIRST MOVE IN THE NEW CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BOERS.

Kitchener Will Join His Chief at Gibraltan -Probable Return to the First Plan of an Advance on Bloemfontein-Indications That Methuen and Buller May Resume the Aggressive-War Office Gives Up the Idea That the War Will End Soon.

Special Cable Despatch to Tue Bus.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Gen. Lord Roberts sailed to-day to take command of the British forces in South Africa. He will meet Gen. Lord Kitchener, his chief of staff, at Gibraltar, so that they will have a fortnight aboard to consuit about a plan of campaign. This will, as was said last week, be an entirely new campaign on a new basis. After the complete failure of the attacks from the east and west it would seem natural that the second stage of the war should witness a return to the original scheme. with one strong army to press forward to Bloemfontein regardless of what is happening on the western and eastern borders. This, if successfully carried out, will relieve Gen. Gatacre and Gen. French, subdue the rebellion in Cape Colony and go far to deprive the Transvasiers of a considerable amount of Orange Free State help. The Free Staters, as THE SUN'S Modder River correspondent cabled recently, freely admit that once the war is prosecuted in their own territory they will be glad to see it end.

But it is vain as yet to speculate on a campaign which cannot be initiated until toward the end of January. The War Office authorities may have been able to prime Gen. Roberts with more intelligence than is allowed to reach the public's ears, but past experience does not lead one to expect their information to be very valuable. Gen. Roberts and Gen. Kitch-ener will have to decide on the spot. Moreover, before they arrive the situation may be yet further developed.

Hampered by want of transport and facing an enemy of superior force and position it was universally expected that Gen. Methuen. in order to preserve his force and liberty of action would retire to the Orange River. The indieations of the past week do not point to his doing anything of the kind. Again, as regards Natal, the Government may possess informa-tion, which is kept from the public, making it desirable for the troops now landing in South Africa to proceed direct to Gen. Butler in view of a second attempt to relieve Ladysmith. The Government and Gen. Buller doubtless know pretty accurately, which we do not, the date to

which Gen White can hold Ladysmith, If by then he is neither relieved nor has fought his way to the Tugela River his situation will be desperate, and, though from a military point of view, whether Ladysmith does fall or stand, should not hinder what is really the best plan of campaign, it is most improbable that Gen. White's force will be left to the last chance without a second effort to extend

Beyond the indications that Gen. Methuen and Gen. Buller seem to contemplate further activity the past week's news shows no fresh development. The condition of Cape Colony still remains the greatest danger. We have not heard that it is worse than a week ago, but we have not been allowed to hear anything. The censorship since the battle of the Tugela has been stricter than ever. It is very significant that the authorities are so uneasy that they keep Cape Town in even greater darkness than London. For example, Cape Town to-day cabled to London that the Boers had captured Lady Sarah Wilson. This fact has been known here for

some weeks. Meanwhile the War Office authorities seem to be at last convinced that war will last far longer than was at first expected. Last Wednesday they placed with one firm in London a contract for 10,000 tons of fodder, the delivery to commence in South Africa during the first week in March. Similar contracts that the War Office is preparing for a continuance of the war until well along in the summer. There has been much superfluous comment on the interviews of Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent, with M. Delcassé. French Minister of Foreign Affairs. The most noteworthy point therein is the fact that he has been received by a Foreign Minister. In no other capital, except The Hague, has he managed to get further that the Under Secretary of State. It may be confidently assumed that M. Delcassé has not committed himself as it is universally recog nized that mediation in any form is impossible

Commenting on the manner in which the Government is to make use of the volunteers. namely, having each volunteer battalion suppivone company to its line battalion in the field, and keep a second company ready at home in reserve, Mr. Henry Spencer Wilkinson says: "Thus the volunteer force is to be used by being absorbed into the Army. This will lead inevitably to the amalgamation of the teers and the regular Army, and is the death blow of the specific character of each. means that henceforth the British, like other armies, will be homogeneous, containing no other categories than of men with the colors and men in reserve, classified according to their immediate liability to be called up."

The week's lull, besides serving partially to raise the gloom caused by the news of Gen. Buller's defeat, the recovery being greatly assisted by the appointment of Gen. Roberts and Gen. Kitchener, has also greatly diminished the rate of ascension of the casualty list. The week's official list, though this is probably incomplete, makes the total now 7.737

## ROYAL SEND-OFF FOR ROBERTS. Great Crowds Cheer Him in London and Southampton.

Special Cable De patches to Tun Sun. LONDON, Dec. 23.—There was a scene of great enthusiasm at Waterloo station to-day when Gen. Lord Roberts. Commander-in-Chief of the forces in South Africa, took a train for Southampton whence he will sail on the transport Dunottar Castle South Africa. The Prince of Wales, the Dukes of Connaught and Cambridge Lord Gen. Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, the Marquis of Lansdowne, ecretary of State for War. Mr. A. J. Balfour First Lord of the Treasury, and many distin-

the immense crowd. The train started before Gen. Roberts was aware of it. He ran nimbly down the platform. and jumped on the steps of the car in which his wife was seated. When the train moved out the cheering culminated in a long, sustained roar.

guished army officers, Cabinet Ministers and

nembers of the House of Commons were in

The Prince of Wales's last words to Gen. Roberts as he boarded the train were: "Goodbye, 'Bobs,' happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and every possible luck with your

POUTHAMPTON, Dec. 23.-Gen. Roberts re ceived a great send-off here to-day when he boarded the transport Dunottar The Mayor and all the nicipal authorities were present. Great crowds assembled on the wharves to

Five States in Five Bours. Royal Limited." beautiful, swift and sure. New York, South Ferry and Foot of Liberty y. 8 P. M.; arrives Washington S P. M. Ex-Dining and Cafe Car Service.—Adv.

Potand! Poland! Poland! Potand!

say farewell to "Bobs," but the scene of animation was in remarkable contrast to the appearance of the Commander-in-Chief of the forces in South Africa, who was dressed in the deepest mourning. The crowd was very de-

constrative.

When the Dunottar Castle sailed out she assed the steamship Carlsbrook, bound in from the Cape. The Carisbrook saluted Gen. Roberts and the people on board bade him an enthusiastic farewell. Gen. Roberts appeared on the bridge of the Dunottar Castle and acknowledged the cheers.

Gen. Roberts sent this farewell message to the country before the transport sailed: "In all this outburst of patriotism I see a good omen of success."

RUMORS ABOUT DELAGOA BAY. Paris Hears That a British Corps Has Landed at Lorenzo Marquez.

Special Ca'le Descatch to Tan Sun. LONDON, Dec. 23.-A Central News despatch from Paris denies the statements made by the Daily Mail's correspondent yesterday in regard to Dr. Leyds. The Mail's correspondent stated that Dr. Leyds, who is the European Agent for the Transvaal Government, had asked M. Deleasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, to use his services in the cause of peace.

The agitation in the British press against the Transvaal's loophole at Delagoa Bay is creating a sensation on the Continent. Paris telegram brings the startling rumor that a British army corps has landed at Lorenzo Marquez and is marching on to Pretoria. A Berlin correspondent wires that the German Government understands that Great Britain has decided rigorously to blockade Delagon Bay. Germany has been impressed by this statement, and will immediately take such action as will safeguard her interests before Great Britain can carry out her intention.

ORDERED CHURCHILL'S RELEASE.

Gen. Joubert's Letter Reached Pretoria After the Young Man Had Escaped.

/ pecial Cable Desputch to THE SUS. Partoria, Dec. 15 (Delayed in transmis-sion).—On Dec. 13 Gen. Joubert sent a letter to Winston Churchill, son of Lady Randolph Churchill, who was captured in the armored train engagement north of Frere station on Nov. 15, in regard to his detention. Mr. Churchill had written to Gen. Joubert saying that he was a newspaper correspondent and therefore a non-combatant. Gen. Joubert stated that Churchill had been detained because of reports in the Natal papers that it was through his (Churchill's) bravery and exertions that the armored train had escaped. Gen. Joubert added that Churchill was unknown to him personally, but he would take his word for the statement that he was a non-combatant and would order his release accordingly.

Gen. Joubert's order that he be released ar-

rived ten hours after Churchill had made his escape.

## MESSAGES FROM LADYSMITH.

Some Skirmishing Between Outposts-Gen. White Reports Some Deaths.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 23.-The War Office has received the following despatch from Pietermaritzburg. Natal, under yesterday's date:
"White (Gen. White, commanding at Ladysmith) heliographs that two of his men were wounded on Dec. 20 and that there have been

six deaths from enterio fever and one from pneumonia. The Central News states that a heliograph message from Ladysmith received at Frere says that, while there has been some skirmishing between the outposts, there has been no serious fighting up to to-day (Saturday).

SUPPRESSED A TRANSFAAL PLAY.

Belgian Government Decided That It Would Be Insulting to the English.

Sescial Cable Desputch to THE SUN. ANTWERP, Dec. 23.-The Burgomaster of tterdam refuses to allow a Transvani play to be regarded as insulting by the English. The Government has instructed the Burgo-

masters to suppress anti-English demonstrations. It has also prohibited the formation of a volunteer corps for the Boers and has refused to allowarmy officers to join the armies of the South African Republics.

VOLUNTEERS FROM CIVIL SERVICE.

British Government Decides Not to Pay Their Salaries While They Are Away.

Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sun. LONDON, Dec. 23 .- In contrast to the public nun! sence, the Government Issued an order yes: ... day that Government employees whose services are accepted in South Africa shall not receive their salaries while they are away. Their places will be filled by men who, if it is possible, will be engaged at lower wages. The surplus thus made will be saved and paid over to the volunteers on their return.

DR. LEYDS'S MISSION TO PARIS.

Trying to Learn How M. Deleasse Would Receive a Proposition to Mediate.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. Panis, Dec. 23.-Dr. Leyds, the Transvani agent, has as yet made no official move, but is trying to ascertain what attitude Foreign Minister Deleassé would take if he were asked to mediate between Great Britain and the Transvaal. M. Delcassé will maintain the strictest diplomatic reserve toward any such proposition.

Boer Commandant Diedrich Killed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. CAPE Town. Dec. 17 (Delayed in transmis sion).-A telegram from Maseru, Basutoland. states that the Boer Commandant Diedrich has been killed.

Ambulances for the Boers. Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sun.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.-The Dutch and Russian ambulances for the Boers sailed from here to-day. The people cheered enthusiastically as the ship left the pier.

TAMMANY SYMPATHY WITH BOERS.

Dan Finn's District Invokes the God of Battles in Their Behalf. The Tammany Hall General Committee of the First Assembly district met last night at its headquarters, 184 Hudson street, Daniel E. Firm presiding, and passed a resolution invoking the God of Battles to crown the efforts of the Boers with victory.

The resolution, which was offered by Alder-

man-elect Michael J. Kennedy, was as follows: "Whereas, Great Britain is waging an unholy "Whereas, Great Britain is waging an unboly war to strangle the liberties of the republica of South Africa and has invaded their territory without cause or justice, and.
"Whereas, The Boers have met the invaders and defeated them in a series of hard-fought battles as did the colonists of America against the Hessians of Ring Grorge in their war for independence: therefore, be it

Resolved, That, as liberty-loving American citizens, we hereby express our sympathy with the Boers and their ailies, and invoke the God of Battles to crown their efforts with victory."

A Train Every Hour rom Grand Central Station, along the Hudson iver, through the Mehawk Valley to Buffalo and to West, by the New York Central.—dev.

No More Washing Out the Stomach. Man-a-cea Carries away the muous through the

Poland! Poland! Poland! Poland! Try it. Poland Water Depot, 3 Park Pl., N. Y.

CALL KEENE'S SON-IN-LAW.

B. R. T. SUBPORNAS TALBOT J. TAYLOR REFORE THE GRAND JURY.

Edward D. Jones, Manager of Taylor's Office, Also Subpænned-What They Say -Sheehan Says It Is " Presumably in Connection" With False B. R. T. Rumors.

To show what sequel there had been to the action of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company in offering a reward of \$25,000 for information that will lead to the discovery and conviction of any person who has been guilty of making false statements about the financial condition of the company. William F. Sheehan of counsel for the company, gave out the following statement yester-

day:
"Talbot J. Taylor, a broker and a son-in-law of Mr. Keene, was to-day served with a subporna to appear before the Grand Jury on next Wednesday, presumably in connection with the false rumors in circulation about the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. Mr. Taylor was evidently surprised at being served, and exclaimed to Mr. Cole who served the subpæna: Why, I have a pull in the District Attorney's office; I had Mr. Gray, one of the Assistant District Attorneys, appointed. This is very annoying."

Mr. Cole is a clerk employed in the law office of Sheehan & Collin. When asked about the subperna at his home last night Mr. Taylor said that it was all nonsense and that he had not the slightest idea of the meaning of it. "Neither does my manager, Mr. Jones, know anything about it," added Mr. Taylor.

"What Jones is that?" was asked. "Why, Edward D. Jones," Taylor replied. They accuse him of having said that Brooklyn Rapid Transit was going into the hands of receiver. He's got a subpoma, too,"

Manager Jones said at the office of Talbot J. manager sones said at the office of Taibot J.
Taylor & Co. resterday afternoon that he had
heard something about the subprenas, but
didn't know who had got them or what they
were for. Mr. James R. Keene said the same
thing.
After giving out the above statement Mr.
Sheehan declined to discuss the matter, and he
did not mention Mr. Jones as having been
served with a subprena. Mr. Sheehan did say
that he thought that the rersons who instigated the recent strike were the same who
were how direulating false reports about the
company.

gated the recent strike were the same who were how circulating false reports about the company.

Belative to the attitude of his firm on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit stock, Mr. Taylor said:

"We have been heavily short on the stock and have made lots of money. We have been bearing it all the way down from 115 and advising our customers to sell."

"D d you begin to take a special interest in it about the time of the strike?" was asked.

"Yes, about then; perhaps a little before. All the way down from 115. It was away above where it beionged and was a great stock to sell. But we are practically out of it now. I covered my last 200 shares yesterday. I don't believe that we are 500 short in my whole office. We covered about 2000 shares four or five days are and that practically wound us up. Jones iso't short. I don't believe he's short a share. So you see neither he nor anyone else in the office would have any object in circulating any bear reports on the stock. Mr. Keene is not short.

"Why, when the stock broke to 65 I began to

ing any bear reports on the stock. Mr. Keene is not short.

"Why, when the stock broke to 65 I began to tell customers whom I had been advising to sell that it was then another story." Mr. Taylor took exception to the statement credited to him by Mr. Shechan.

"I didn't know who the young man was when he came with the subprina," said Mr. Taylor. "I thought he was from the District Attorney's office and I wanted to know what the matter was all about. I didn't think of Brooklyn Bapid Transit, I thought that a servant of mine, a cook that I had had arrested some time are was making a tuss and having the subprina served, so I asked the boy to ask Assistant District Attorney Gray to call me on the telephone and tell me about I, I didn't want to waste time over a trifle, I did not once make use of the word pull. I did say that I had signed a petition for the appointment of my friend, Mr. Gray."

GAGE TALKS WITH BANKERS.

Can't See That the Facts Justify Panie Conditions.

Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury. had a co: ference yesterday with a number of men prominent in the financial world at the United States Sub-Treasury. It was the be-Hof of those who saw Mr. Gage that the floar cial situation was clearing and that the crisis had been passed. John A. Stewart, President of the United

States Trust Company, was the first man to meet Mr. Gage in Sub-Treasurer Jordan's room. After Mr. Stewart had gone J. Pierpont Morgan and James Stillman, President of the National City Bank, came. Mr. Stillman stayed the longest of all the Secretary's callers and while he was there William Sherer, manager of the Clearing House, to whom word had been sent that the Secretary of the Treasury wished to see a detailed copy of the weekly statement of the associated banks arrived with the desired

statement. Mr. Gage, before going to lunch with Mr. Jordan at Deimonico's, made this statement:

Mr. Gage, before going to lunch with Mr. Jordan at Deimonico's, made this statement: "I came here to talk with Mr. Jordan on the situation. While here I have been looking up the evidences of this panic we hear so much about as they can be indicated by the operations of the past year. Last Christmas every one was happy. Money was easy and freer. No conditions of distress appeared anywhere in sight. At the present time there is a very different Christmas feeling and I have been looking at the facts to see what changes have occurred to justify the change in feeling.

"I find that a year ago, this date, the deposits of the associated banks in New York were \$800,000,000. Loans were \$708,000,000 and cash in hand was \$218,000,000. To-day the deposits are \$740,000,000, a shrinkage of \$60,000,000. The decrease in loans is \$24,000,000. Porhaps at the lowest estimate \$10,000,000 of the shrinkage in deposits is due to the fact that New York charges for check collections. The real shrinkage in deposits is due to the fact that New York charges for check collections. The real shrinkage in deposits is \$24,000,000, and the shrinkage in loans and cash just offsets this shrinkage in loans and cash just offsets this shrinkage in sense and cash just offsets this shrinkage in loans and cash just offsets the shrinkage in deposits is \$25,000,000. And the shrinkage in deposits is \$25,000,000, and the shrinkage of \$50,000,000.

"The Clearing House statement to-day shows an increase in the surplus reserve of the banks above legal requirements to substantially \$11,000,000. Now I cannot see, looking at it from the outside, where the panic conditions are justified by the facts of

Morgan, Stillman and Siewart foreshadow any further action on the part of the Treasury?" was asked.

"No, not at all."

"To-day is the last day for the Treasury to receive Government bonds for purchase; will the time be extended?"

"No, the option closes to-day."

Someone asked Mr. Gage whether "there was any ground for the charges made against him that he had been partial to certain banks in distributing Government money to them?"

"That's a misapprehension—a very natural one." replied Mr. Gage. He explained that the National City Bank had been selected as the distributing bank because it already had so large an amount of bonds on deposit with the Government that there would be absolute security to the Government. After lunch Mr. Gage returned to the Sub-Treasury for a time. A. B. Hepburn. Vice-President of the Chase National Bank, was the last banker to call upon him, prior to his leaving the institution to take a train for Washington. It is understood that in vitations were sent to several other bankers to meet the Secretary, but that they were not at their banks owing to the half-holiday. their banks owing to the half-holiday.

One of the Texas Lynchers Convicted. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.-A despatch from Palestine says that the jury this morning turned a verdict of guilty against Ed Cain. charged with conspiracy in connection with the mob that lynched the three Humphries on the night of May 23. 1886, in Heuderson county. Cain's punishment is fixed at a life term in the penitentiary. This makes a gloomy outlook for the men charged directly with murder in the lynching. The case against the others was adjourned until next Wed-nesday.

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AMALEI AGAIN THREATENED. THIRTY-TWO MINERSKILLED Another Landslide Feared and Residents

Rush to Places of Safety. Special Cable Designa 'e THE SUN.

ROME, Dec. 23.—Another landslide threatens
to overwhelm Amalfi to-night. The residents FIREDAMP WRECKS THE BRAZNELL MINES AT UNIONTOWN, PA.

Fireboss Redcliffe Noted Gas During the The bodies of two persons have been recov-Night and Entered It on the Books-The ered at the scene of yesterday's landslide. Ten Foreman Was Delayed and Then the Ex-Reports to-day show that the disaster was plosion Came-Great Mass of Wreckage.

> UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 23.-The most serious explosion in the history of the coke region occurred at the Brazuell mines at 6:30 o'clock this morning, in which thirty-two men lost their lives and others were injured badly. The mine is a wreck, and it is thought it will have to be abandoned. The dead so far identifled are: Samuel Moese, digger, aged 35, married, and leaves a wife and five children : Albert Meese, son of Samuel Meese, trapper, aged 14; William Thomas, cager, aged 32, leaves a wife and five children; Henry Hager, digger, aged 45, leaves a wife and four children; Andy Parobeck, aged 50, single; Mike Parobeck, aged 45, single; Pete Laviskich, aged 30, single; Mike Marsick, aged 21, single; George Andreiko, Mike Grohawl, George Warsik, Pet Oris, George Joves, Joe Matyas, Joseph Bocskay, John Kokelsh, Andy Yemiuski, Joe Podolnski. The names of the other fourteen men had not been learned. All but the three first-named are Hungarians.

The Capuccini Hotel, reported destroyed, was one of the buildings formerly belonging to the Capuchin Monastery. This monastery was founded in 1312 by Cardinal Pietro Capuano for the Cistercians, but in 1583 it fell into the heads of the Capuchins. The hotel was the most fashionable at Amaiñ, and the view from the broad verandas, which were put around the old building when it was converted into a hotel, is one of the finest in all Furope. The hotel was much patronized by American and English tourists. An employee of Thomas Cook, the tourist agent, said yesterday that this onest to be the busiest season of the year at Amaif, but according to all reports the hotels were far from full at the time of the disaster. The Capuccini Hotel was run by the Pozzi Brothers. Thirteen men had been rescued by night-fall. Albert Meese was taken out early this morning, but his burns were so severe that he died. The explosion was terrific. The mine was ruined and all the outside buildings were knocked to pieces. The noise was heard six miles away and many people believed it to be an earthquake. As soon as the result was known thousands flocked to the scene, and all day rescuing parties were getting out the liv-ing and cleaning away the wreck so they could get at the dead. Up to 9 o'clock this evening none of the dead bodies had been taken from

The accident is attributed to a sudden accumulation of gas. Fireboss William Redcliffe has been in the mine all night with the night shift and at 3:20 o'clock he discovered four inches of gas in room No. 2 of entry No. 5. He placed a danger signal something under the bod.

"Mamma." he cried, "there's a man under the bed."

Mrs. Medici looked under and saw a man's legs stoking out. She pushed both her boys back on their pillows and told them to lie still. Then she waked out of the room and down stairs and found her husband, to whom she told what she had seen. She then went out on the street to hunt for a policeman.

Antenio picked up a razor and went up stairs and pulled the man out from under the bed. The intruder pretended to be drunk and as he was being pulled on to the street shouted out. "Let me into that barber shop, I want a haireur and a shave."

By this time Mrs. Medici had come back with Policeman Lynch of the West Twentieth street station, and the prisoner was taken to the station. There he said he was Edward J. Heron of 325 West Seventeenth street. The police looked him up on a charge of attempted burgiary. at the mouth of the room. Another danger signal had been placed in an old entry, which was known to be full of gas. Redeliffe left the mine at 4 o'clock and went to the office above ground and noted in the mine books the result of his investigation. The mine foreman is Thomas Jones, who was supposed to be on duty at 6 o'clock in the morning, but for some reason he was delayed and did not get there

till after the explosion. The men began to go down for the day turn at 6 o'clock. Engineer Solomon Meese was on duty at 6:20, but before he arrived it is said about fifteen men had been sent down. He sent down four cages of eight men each and was standing at his post waiting for a signal to hoist. The signal came, and with it came the

was standing at his post waiting for a signal to hoist. The signal came, and with it came the explosion. It was so terrible that for a time he was dazed and hardly realized the situation. In a moment the air was flied with flying debris and the stiffing black damp began to pour out of the mouth of the pit. The cable of one cage was broken and the cage above was thrown from its place about two hundred yards away. The roof of the engine house was ripped off and sent scurrying across the fleids. All the timber of the tipple and the sheetiron covering were torn loose and blown around like chips.

Meese dropped his lever and gave the alarm. Mine Foreman Jones arrived immediately with Pirsbess Resel. 1s. They rigged up a windlass in the air shaft, 200 feet away, the covering of which had been blown off and the iron stairway destroyed. Both men went down forgether. They found the mine wrecked. The supports to both shafts had been torn away and a cave-in occurred. They saw near the shaft bettom a half dozen miners standing together half dazed and at once sent them out. In the course of two hours nearly all the living were safe on top. They then made a search of chambers surrounding the shafts. Everything was in a chactic condition. The timbers were down, brattlees were torn up and thrown against the ribs, the rails being twisted into acrap Iron, trap doors were dearroyed, water tanks were picked up and carried for hundreds of lect along the entries and smashed. One cage was at the bottom and it was jamined against the side in a tangled mass. District Attorney Jones of Massachusetts, who notified the authorities that Cole was a fugitive from justice. The warrant against Cole contains four counts. Two of these counts charge embezziement. Two of these counts charge embezziement of the sum of \$500,000; the sceend, the sum of \$500,000. The two other counts charge the misappropriation of the same funds.

The arrest of Cole was not accomplished by the California Marshal and his deputies without something of a chase, for when they visited Varney's Hotel at Los Angeles, late yesterday afternoon, they learned that only a short time before, Mr. Cole had left the hotel and started presumably for Bedondo Beach. The Marshal and his deputies immediately set out in pursuit. The warrant was sworn out this morning before United States Coundissioner Fisch by Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing, acting under the orders of the Comptroller of the Currency

It was late yesterday afternoon that the first steps toward criminal proceedings were taken by the banking and Government officials, and as soon as criminal action was decided upon the United States authorities in this city telegraphed to the United States District Attorney at Los Angeles to detain Cole. District Attorney Jones of Massachusetts, who hundreds of feet along the entries and smashed.
One cage was at the tottom and it was jamined
against the side in a tangled mass.
It was at this cage that William Thomas
stood when he lost his life. He was pinned

stood when he lost his life. He was pinned against the wall by the eage; his head was severed from the body and carried away, one hand was torn off and carried to the surface and found in a field 200 yards away. His right foot with shoe on was carried to the top of the tipple where it was found later in the fron frame work by his father. Stumbling on in the dark chamber the men came to four dead horses and one mule and a man all in a heap.

The air was foul and in a short time the officials had to return to the surface. John Scoff was about to enter his room when the awful catastrophe took place. He was huried seen was about to enter his room when the awful catastrophe took place. He was huried out into an entry and was there met by a cross current of air which josted him along for 200 feet and then slammed him to the floor of the room where he lay for two hours expecting every moment to be smothered to death. John Discon said he had just entered his room when he heard a murming noise, He whirled around and caught the sight of millions of stars shooting past the entrance. In a second they were upon him whirling about his head. He fell to the floor, and lay there till taken out. Harry Attwood, one of the rescued, was saved by teing thrown into a pit of water. Joe Mease was also saved in this manner. Mease and his cousin. Samuel Mease, were in the mine stables. Samuel stepped to the door just as the shock occurred. His clothing was torn off him, and he was burned to death in an instant. John Schrick, an intelligent Hun, gives a vivid recital of his terrible experiences. Coroner F. H. Taylor of this place will begin the inquest to-morrow.

Davis had been loitering near the Mariborough Hotel and snatched the purse as he passed the women on a dead run. By the time he crossed Broadway a crowd was after him. Policeman Northrup joined the chase at Sixth avenue. The negro continued through Thirty-sixth street and dodged behind a fence. He had to he clubbed before he submitted to arrest. The purse was not recovered.

As Louis Broadbeck of 103 East Reventy-second street was getting off a Lexington avenue car at Fifty-night street last night he felt some one pulling at his necktie and found that his scarf pin was missing. Then he started to chase the young man who had been standing next to him on the platform. The man started to run and Brodbeck and the crowd chased him as far as Sixtieth street. There Policeman Sullivan cantured the man and he was taken to the East Sixty-seventh street station. Brodbeck's scarf pin was in his pocket. The prisoner said his name was Walter Quell. THE THREE HON, JOHNS DECORATE. Club Looks Very Pretty and the Members

Had Better Go and See It. The Democratic Club has been elaborately ecorated with Christmas greens and holly for the helidays. Across the hall corridor is a large arch of ever greens, bearing the words
"Merry Christmas" in red, and streamers of
laurel and running pine are draped from one
end of the clubhouse to the other. Under the
arch two members met last evening.
"Fixed up nice, isn'i f?" said one.
The other looked carefully to each side, before and behind. Then he spoke in the car of
his questioner.

"Yes," he said. "But the boys don't seem to turn out do they?"

Train Crashes Into Trolley Car.

troops and recognized several of the towns which were evacuated during the early part of the month. The troops made a desperate resistance but were forced by the superior numbers of the rebels. The Indians fell back in the first instance in order to lead tien. Bravo's men into an ambuscade. This scheme was discovered in time to escape a terribie singulater. The Mayas arelarmed with Krag-Jorgensen and hauser rifles, which are said to have been furnished to them by mercenary residents of British Honduras. The Indian country is rich in dyewoods and other native products and they find it an easy matter to exchange them for arms and ammunition. Sr. Louis, Dec. 23,-In a collision between an electric car of the Tiffany line, St. Louis Transit Company, and a freight train of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad at Park pt. Louis and San Francisco railroad at Park and Vandeventer avenues to-day, Eugene Bowman, the motoneer, was killed and J. L. Cook, Lucas Normandy and C. C. Beatty, passengers, were injured. Conductor O'Mahandro says the tracks at the crossing are seldom used by the railroad and it was not customary to stop in crossing. No signals were given by the trainmen. quent jurors who were recently fined \$100 in the City Court for non-attendance, moved be-fore Justice Fitzsimons last week to have the fine remitted on a statement that he had not had sufficient notice by summons.

Justice Fitzsimons refused to remit the fine.

He said that the petitioner was a man of wealth and property who required the utmost safe-guards that the law can give and yet who seemed to shrink from one of the most im-portant duties of the citizen to serve as a juror.

Carnegie Library in Lincoln, Neb. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23.-The State Journal his morning published a despatch from Washthe city of Lincoln a conditional gift of \$75,000 for a public library building. The conditional are not stated, but are supposed to be the usual ones of a suitable site, free from incumbrances and the maintenance of the library.

Four Killed at a Grade Crossing. PALMYRA, Mo., Dec. 23.-Peter Nichol, a wellto-do colored farmer, was returning home in a wagon this afternoon when a train struck the vehicle at a railroad crossing, killing him, one of his daughters and a grandchild. Another daughter was badly injured, and a second grandchild has since died from its injuries.

Portland, Me., Bank Run Ended. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.-There was another crush of depositors at the Portland Savings Bank this morning, but confidence was soon restored and at noon the run had subsided.

Florida and Cuba. Bouthern Ry. Perfect Dining and Sleeping Car ervice. New York Office, 271 Broadway.—4de.

PATAL WRECKS IN ENGLISH FOG. Eight Persons Killed and Many Injured-One Train Goes Over an Embaukment.

Stecial Cab a Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 23 .- The present fog in Engand has caused a series of railway disasters. The Caledonian Express fell over an embankment at Hamilton, a town near Glasgow to-day. Five persons were killed and many in-

A Pullman express telescoped the Continental express near Brighton and three persons were killed and twenty injured.

The Welsh and Windsor express trains col-

iided outside of Windsor and disorganized the Christmas traffic.

SURFACE CARS COLLIDE.

Trolley Cars Crash Into Horse Cars in the

Bowery-Several Injured. A south-bound Madison avenue electric car struck and derailed a west-bound crosstown horse car at Spring street and the Bowery at 5 o'clock last night. The borse car was a little slow in crossing and the electric car struck it near the rear platform. The passengers in the horse car were thrown from their seats and the driver and the conductor were both thrown from their platforms. Joseph Morris of 48 Ridge street, the driver, was taken to Gouverneur Hospital with a dislocated hip and Joseph Goodwin of 102 Howery, the conductor, went home badly bruised. Abraham Manhelm of 93 Clinton street, a passenger, was also bruised. One of the wheels of the horse car was arrested.

A southbound Second avenue electric car while crossing Houston street last night, ran into the rear of a westbound Houston street horse-car, isldor Keller, the conductor of the horse-car, was knecked off and his face was badly cut. The horse-car was forced from the track. o'clock last night. The borse car was a little

ASHES OF CIGARMAKERS.

Kept on a Shelf in Sealed Jars at the Headquarters of Union 90.

Cigarmakers' Union 10, announced yesterday that it has amalgamated with Cigarmakers' nion 90, which has its headquarters at the Labor Lyceum, 64 East Fourth street and will therefore be entitled to the benifit of a unique provision for the cremation of deceased members which Union 90 has had in force for about ten years. By this provision the bodies of deceased members are cremated at the expense
of the Union, unless they have friends surviving them who are willing to take charge of the
funeral arrangements. The ashes of each deceased eigarmaker who is cremated at the expense of the Union are put in a metal jar and
kept on a shelf in the office of Cigarmakers'
Union 100 which is on the second floor of the
Labor Lyceum. There are now fourteen of
these jars and a yellow earthernware urn on
the shelf and a stone owloccupies a shelf overlooking the jars and urn. The yellow urn contains the ashes of the first member who was
a Bohemian, and died nearly ten years ago.
The owl was given to the Union after the fermination of a strike against the Owl Cigar
Company. The cremation of the deceased
members of the Union is carried out by the
Workingmen's Cremation Society, established
some time ago by members of Socialist Trades ten years. By this provision the bodies of desome time ago by members of Socialist Trades Unions, who are free thinkers.

OBJECTS TO WAR SUCCESSION TAX. Counsel for Trustees of the Lindsley Estate Holds That It Is Unconstitutional.

KINGSTON, Dec. 23.-Judge Clearwater of this ity, counsel for James E. Phinney and Walter Tomkins, executors and trustees of the estate with the Treasury Department at Washington written objections to the payment of the war succession tax upon Mr. Lindsley's estate, specifying among other grounds that the act of Congress imposing the tax is unconstitutional, invalid and void, in that it imposes a direct tax not assessed by consus as provided by the Constitution; that the assessment of the tax as directed by Congress is not uniform; that the State of New York alone has the right to prescribe the conditions and methods of the transfer of property from the estate of a decedent, who was a resident of the Nate at the time of his death, to a beneficiary, and that the act of Congress is an attempt to control the transfer of the estate of a decedent, and therefore interferce with the rights reserved to the State of New York under the Federal Constitution and its amendments. succession tax upon Mr. Lindsley's estate.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

fice From Every State in the Union. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- From the increased number of letters addressed to Santa Claus, received at the Dead Letter Office this year, it is evident that the popular Illusion of childhood has as strong a hold as ever, or that the youngsters are becoming accustomed to the letter writing. Since Dec. 1 over a thousand of these letters have reached the office, coming from every State in the Union and containing requests for almost everything imaginable. Two articles, however, dollars and candy, seem to be in greater demand than any others, the little boys usually naming the sweets, together with something else in connection with the aports. The patron saint is addressed in various ways, the destination of some of the letters being ludicrous. Some are without stamps, some with two-cent stamps, while not a few this year bore five-cent stamps, the senders evidently laboring under the impression that the supposed dispenser of tows resided in some foreign country which was a member of the International Postal Union. Where the address of the sender is given the letters are returned, otherwise they are destroyed. youngsters are becoming accustomed to the dress of the sender is given the lette returned, otherwise they are destroyed.

MRS. BOOTH'S HOME FOR CONVICTS. A House and Ten Acres of Ground Near Flushing Bought for It.

A ten-acre plot on the north side of the Flushing and Bayside plank road has been bought by Mrs. Ballington Booth, and there the Volunteers of America propose founding a the Volunteers of America propose founding a temporary home for persons discharged from State prisons, who will be cared for until they can get employment. The tract is valued at \$12,000. On it \$2,000 was paid and a mortgage for \$10,000 was given. Among the buildings on the grounds are a large dwelling house capable of accomodating sixty men, barns and a poultry house. A person speaking for Mrs. Booth said that the Volunteers maintained a similar institution at Washington Heights, but thelease of that property was nearing expiration and it was deemed advisable for the Volunteers to own the home outright.

SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD 23 YEARS.

64,200 He Left in a Bank in 1876. BUFFALO, Dec. 23.-Harvey W. Rogers, former station agent at the West Shore depot in mer station agent at the West Shore depot in Hamburg, who had been missing since 1870, and presumably dead for twenty-three years, turned up at the City Hall to-day. He said he came back to claim \$4,200 he had deposited in the Eric County Savings Bank. His sister has been administratrix of his estate, and he will begin action to compel her to turn over the money to him.

TRAIN BANGS INTO BUFFER. Two Passengers Cut by Flying Glass at the

Grand Central. The White Plains local, which arrived at the Grand Central station at 5:15 P. M. yesterday, refused to respond to the brakes and banged into a buffer. A number of the passengers were thrown from their seats and two of them were cut slightly by flying glass. They were Mis. Edward Trott of 408 West Sixty-ninth street and Fred Murphy of 101 Lenox avenue. They went to their homes after receiving medical attention. The cars were little dam-

Fatni Quarrel of Venezuelan Generals. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUR.

Canadas, Venezuela, Dec. 23,-Gen. Nativadad Mendoza, one of President Cipriano Castro's principal commanders, who was killed in a quarrel by Gen. Peraza, another supporter of the present Government, was buried to-day with military honors.

Resorts South.

Southern Ry. Perfect Dining and Sleeping Car Ser-ice on all trains. New York Office, 271 Broadway.—

Stop That Distress After Enting. Man-a-cea. Natural Spring Water, 22 Beaver St. - Adv.

WELLCOME IS DISBARRED.

SENATOR CLARK'S ALLEGED AGENT DISGRACED IN MONTANA.

The Supreme Court Decides Unanimously That He Engaged in Bribery in Securing Clark's Election and Orders His Name Stricken From the Court's Roll.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 23.-In a unanimous opinion handed down by the Supreme Court to-day Attorney John B. Wellcome of Butte is forbidden to practice before any court in Montana, on the ground that he was guilty of corruption during the recent session of the Legislature in paying a member thereof a large sum of money to secure votes in the interest of the candidacy of W. A. Clark for United States Senator. The case hinged on the testimony of State Senator W. A. Clark of Madison county, who swore that he had received \$10,-000 from Wellcome to vote for Clark, and that he afterward turned the money overto Mr. Whiteside in order to expose the methods being pursued by the Butte millionaire.

The opinion in part follows: "The only other witness who testified to the facts of this transaction was Whiteside. He frankly states that he came to Helena about Dec. 31, 1898, with the intention to expose those guilty of corrupt practices in connection with the approaching election of United States Senator, it having already come to his ears that money was being used corruptly to influence members of the Assembly in casting their votes. Upon learning that Wellcome, the accused, was managing the campaign of W. A. Clark of Butte, he at once sought acquaintance with him with the intention of gaining his confidence and if he found him engaged in corrupt practices to expose him and others who

were also guilty.
"By the 1st or 2d of January this acquaintance had become sufficiently intimate to induce the accused to arrange with Whitside to pay to the latter the sum of \$10,000 for his vote and for his aid in securing others by similar means. To this end he says State Senators Myer and Clark and Representatives Garr, Myer and Clark were induced to go into this scheme of exposure and to pretend to barter their votes for \$10,000 each, and turn the money over to Whiteside, so that they would be able, as witnesses to establish the bribery. Garr. who had already been tampered with by Wellcome, was not cognizant of this plan.

who had already been tampered with by Wellcome, was not cognizant of this plan, but it was sought by Whiteside to get the \$5,000 intended for Carr into his (Whitside'a) hands so as to betray him also. In pursuance of this plan he brought Clark and Wellcome together at Room 207 at the Helena Hotel, where the arrangement of Clark's vote was made as Clark states.

The story of this transaction is repeated by Whiteside in all substantial particulars, as it is told by Clark. The deal was consummated on the evening of Jan. 4 at Room 201, at the Helena Hotel, and the scaled envelope containing the money for identification, as stated by Clark. remained in Whiteside's possession until turned over on Jan. 9 to the joint committee of the two houses sitting to investigate charges of bribery.

In the meantime and until the meeting of the committee negotiations were going on for the vote of Mayer. This was finally arranged for on the 6th or 7th of January. On one of these days Mayer and Whiteside went to room 201 or an adjoining room at the Helena Hotel. Whiteside went to Wellcome's room to bring Wellcome to pay over the money, but finding him occupied he received the money, \$10,000, and returned with it to the room where Meyer was. There it was counted, sealed up, marked for identification and turne' over to Whiteside for safe keeping. This was opened by the investigating committee.

The accused was not sworn as a witness, but was present throughout the hearing. At the time appointed by this court for the accused to answer the charges he did not appear in person. His answer was made under the oath, upon information and belief of one of his counsel. Thus the charges the meselves are not challenged by any direct denial by him. The statements of Clark and Whiteside are not contradicted by any officet denial by him. The statements of Clark and Whiteside are not contradicted by any officet denial by him. The statements of Clark and Whiteside are not contradicted by any officet denial by him.

"In the formal charge it was alleged that Wellcome was active in the support of W. A. Clark of Butte for United States Senator. This is admitted. It may be further noted that in his test mony Whiteside details several conversations with Wellcome as to Wellcome's negotiations with many other members of the Assembly whose votes he was of the Assembly whose votes he was trying to secure by the use of money and otherwise. The same remark may be made touching the testimony of Clark. Another cir-cumstance, somewhat corroborative of the stories of Clark and Whiteside, in view of the stories of Clark and Whiteside, in view of the conversation first had by Clark with Wellcome as to the intention of certain supporters of W. A. Clark of Butte, is the fact that when the election did finally take place, many Democrats and Republicans who theretofore had opposed Clark's candidacy shifted over and voted for him without apparent cause.

"It is therefore ordered that John B. Wellcome be removed from his office of attorney and counsellor of this court and that his name be stricken from the roll."

This decision is regarded here as a decisive blow against Senator Clark, concerning whose right to sit in the United States Senate there is to be an investigation in Washington and possibly in Montana.

HER FATAL HUNT FOR SANTA CLAUS. Little Ella Hughes of Williamsburg Sets

Her Dress Afire With a Candle Ella Hughes, the five-year-old daughter of John Hughes of 178 Eagle street, Williams burg, took a lighted candle last night and started to hunt for Santa Claus in the closets of the house. The door of one of the closets with a spring-lock closed on her and the candle brushed against her clothing, setting candle brushed against her clothing, setting it on fire. Her screams brought her father and her four-year-old brother Robert to her aid. They burst open the door and finally succeeded in putting out the fire in her clothing. Robert's hands were bally burned and so were his father's. The little girl was frightfully burned about the face, arms and body and Ambulance Surgeon Keller from St. Catherine's Hespital said that she could not recover. He wanted to take her to the hospital, but her mother wouldn't let her go.

HIGHWAYMEN IN CENTRAL PARK. Rob a Servant on the Sidewalk, Jump Over

the Wall and Vanish. Kate Tighe, a servant for R. F. Cutting at 724 Fifth avenue, was walking with another woman on the north side of Fifty-ninth street last night when two men stepped out from behast hight when two men stepped out from be-hind a tree. One of the men was tail, the other short. The tail man seized the Tighe woman-by the throat and the other seized her com-panton. The tail man searched the woman's pecketbook, which contained 80 cents and two keys, and the two men then jumped over the Central Park wall and made their escaps, The police as the Arsenal were notified of the robbery and an alarm was sent out for the two men.

DELEGATES TO PHILADELPHIA. Seth Low, C. N. Bitss and Gen. F. V. Greens

Likely to Be on Manhattan's List. It was said yesterday that among the eigh-

teen delegates to the Republican National Convention to be elected from the Congressional districts wholly or partly within New York county there might be the Hon. Seth Low.
President of Columbia University: the Hon.
Cornelius N. Bliss. ex-Secretary of the Department of Agriculture: Gen. Francis Vinton Greene, who was Gov. Roosevelt's first choice for Superintendent of Public Works when he entered office in 1868; Charles Siewart Smith.
Edward Lauterbach, State Senator Elsberg and President Quigg of the Republican County Committee.

TRIED DYNAMITE FOR A SALVE.

Wildman Broke the Can Open and Now Part of His Hand is tione. DANBURRY, Conn., Dec. 23 .- In his haste to

apply saive to a wound in his hand to-day Henry L. Wildman, a real estate man, picked up a can of drammits in mistake for the salve tox. When the cover failed to come off easily he attempted to pound it off with a harmore. The explosion that resulted huried Mr. Wild-man across the room, tore away a part of his hand and the flying pieces of the can lacerated bis face. He will recover.

Gastro-Catarrh, Indigestion, Anymia Man a-cea Cures where all else fails .- ben